



This half term we are focussing on: Empathy

William Ransom Weekly

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

Last week saw four of our lower KS2 children head off to a tennis competition in Letchworth. After an afternoon of competition they finished mid-table. They showed a great attitude, tried really hard and really enjoyed themselves. Well done to all who took part!

A reminder to all parents and carers that the Mental Health Coffee Morning is taking place this coming Thursday from

9-10am. A member of the Mental Health Support Team will be present throughout to answer any questions you have and to discuss support and strategies. We look forward to seeing those who can attend.

With the Summer Fete now firmly on the horizon, and plans already in full swing, we are asking if there are any parents or carers out there who have a large gazebo that they might be able to lend the school/SPA for the day of the Summer Fete (8th June). Please contact a member of the SPA or the school office if you can help with this and thanks in advance to anyone who can.

In other SPA news, the school discos have now been announced for all year groups (with further information available on the second page of this newsletter). If there is anyone who would like to discuss financial support for this, or any other event, please contact a member of the school office, myself, Mrs Hall or Mrs Wheat. You can do this by phone, email or in person, whichever you prefer.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable long weekend!

Mr Plunkett



Coming Up Next Week..

Monday

- Bank Holiday

Tuesday

- Reception screening - measurement, vision and hearing
- Year 4 Maths Challenge

Wednesday

- Reception screening - measurement, vision and hearing
- Yr 3 Maple Class Swimming
- Yr 5 Djembe drumming

Thursday

- Reception screening - measurement, vision and hearing
- Mental Health Coffee Morning
- Cricket match v Samuel Lucas at Hitchin Cricket Club

Fiddle Toys

From Tuesday, we will begin transitioning all children who require a fiddle toy to support them, to using a school supplied fiddle toy. This will prevent difficulties that have arisen from children using their own fiddle toys.



Musical Instrument Lessons

Following Mr Lavelle's fantastic brass assembly for the children this week, we wanted to let you all know that music lessons for recorder with Ms Paine, violins with Mrs Woodin, guitars with Mr Simpson and brass lessons with Mr Lavelle are available for children in Yr 2, 3, 4 and 5. The link to register for music lessons and for further information is:
<https://ukhertfordshire.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>
(There is no need to re-register if your child is already taking part in music lessons)



Disco tickets - on sale now!

Tickets are now on sale for the disco - they cost £5 each and include unlimited squash/water, a packet of sweets and access to the disco.

There will be separate sessions for each year group. The dates and times are:

- Reception - 17 May (3:30pm)
- Y1/2 - 24 May (3:30pm)
- Y3/4 - 17 May (5pm)
- Y5/6 - 24 May (5pm).



For further details and to book a ticket visit: bit.ly/WRSPA
If the payment will be financially difficult for you, please contact the school office

Uniform shed - new opening hours

The opening hours of the uniform shed have changed. It will now be open on four days a week at the following times:

- Monday: 2:30pm - 3:10pm
- Wednesday: 2:30pm - 3:10pm
- Thursday: 8:45am - 9:15am
- Friday: 8:45am - 9:15am (please note change of time)

Thank you to all the volunteers who keep the uniform shed operating!



Confirmed Term Dates for 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

- Monday 2nd September INSET - school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 3rd September Term starts
- Monday 21st October INSET - school closed to pupils
- 28th October - 1st November Half term holiday**
- Thursday 28th November - INSET - school closed to pupils
- Friday 29th November Occasional Day
- Friday 20th December End of Term

Spring Term 2025

- Monday 6th January INSET - school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 7th January Term starts
- 17th February - 21st February Half term holiday**

Summer Term 2025

- Monday 22nd April Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 23rd April Term starts
- 26th May - 30th May Half term holiday**
- Friday 13th June INSET - school closed to pupils
- Wednesday 23rd July Term end



Introduction to

Air Frying

Attend for a chance to WIN an air fryer!



Come along and learn some new recipes and learn about the cost savings and health benefits of an air fryer.

Eligible attendees will have a 1 in 10 chance to win* an air fryer.

Date:
Tuesday 14th May, 10am - 1pm.

Venue:
Christchurch, Bedford Road,
Hitchin, HRT SG5 1HF.

To book your free place, please
Visit: www.communities1st.org.uk/Multiply
Email: training@communities1st.org.uk
or Call: 01727 649960

Alternatively, scan the QR Code:



* Participants will be eligible to win an air fryer if they are Hertfordshire residents, aged 19 and over, and have obtained a D grade or below in their Maths GCSE (or equivalent) or are in receipt of any benefits.

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Drumming for Wellbeing

As part of Mental Health Awareness week in May, we are pleased to be able to offer a one-off drumming session at North Herts Music School for families with children in year 3 or above.

These sessions will be led by our amazing Whole Class & Community Music Development Lead – Caz Wolfson.

Please register each person attending using the QR code or via www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk

Two sessions are available; 4pm to 5pm and 5.30pm to 6.30pm but places are limited.

Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.
Cost is £3 per person or £10 for a family of 4 (2 adults and 2 children).

Date: Wednesday 15th May
Time: 4pm - 5pm and 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Contact: hitchinmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

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Hertfordshire Music Service



UKRAINIAN AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

EVERY FRIDAY

5 PM - 6 PM

- ★ Ukrainian for Little Learners
- ★ English for Beginners with a Ukrainian Teacher

TEXT TO SIGN IN

WHATSAPP +44 7511 251065

VENUE: NHMEF
UNITY HOUSEHINBUSH ROAD
HITCHINHERTFORDSHIRE
SG5 1PH



Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

For parents / carers of children aged 9 and up

You are invited to attend two **free** online sessions to discuss all things "cyber".

These sessions will be suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child's online world and it shouldn't be missed!

Part 1 will introduce you to the Cyber Choices programme which will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Choices Team. They will provide:

- An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is.
- What the risks to young people are.
- How the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.
- How you can refer a young person into Cyber Choices.

You will also hear from Kent County Council's Education Safeguarding Team, who will provide an overview of:

- Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
- Advice to support parents to make informed decisions and keep their children safer online.

Please visit the NCA website to find out more about [Cyber Choices](#)

Please register for **one** part 1 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday 8th May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 5th June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Part 2 will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Protect Team. They will provide:

- Advice on how to improve your personal cyber security.
- Identifying and protecting yours (and your children's) key accounts.
- Threats and techniques that cyber criminals may use to target you / your family.
- Benefits of family accounts.
- Parental controls on your router.
- Signposting to useful resources.

The aim of the session is to provide you with tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family.

Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's [Stop! Think Fraud](#) and the National Cyber Security Centres [CyberAware](#) campaigns.

Again, please register for **one** part 2 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.

Wednesday 15th May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 12th June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 10th July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

If you have any questions or would like us to cover a certain topic within our sessions, then please complete our [online form](#).

Ofsted Registered and childcare vouchers accepted

WRAPAROUND CLUBS MAY HALF TERM 24 MARY EXTON PRIMARY

OPEN TO CHILDREN FROM ALL SCHOOLS

8.00 - 5.00 - £30.00	(INCLUDES BREAKFAST AND LIGHT TEA)
8.00 - 1.00 - £25.00	
12.00 - 5.00 - £25.00	
10.00 - 3.00 - £25.00	

PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH

Summer Bookings also open!

Tues 28 May - Friday 31 May

For children aged 4-11

Activities include:

Sports

Indoor and Outdoor games

Arts and Crafts

Inflatables

Chill and Care (games, puzzles etc)

To book please go to risingstars.magicbooking.co.uk

Need more Information? info@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk

Gymnastics and Trampoline Days May 2024

Rising Stars Multi-Sports Ltd

For children aged 4-11

★ Led by qualified coaches!
DBS checked and first aid trained

10.00 - 3.00
£25.00

10.00 - 2.00
£22.50

4 year olds may only attend until 2.00

Please provide a packed lunch

Dates and School Venues

Tuesday 28 May
Lordship Farm, Letchworth

Wednesday 29 May
Fairfield Park, Stotfold

Thursday 30 May
Mary Exton, Hitchin

Book on our website: risingstars-online.co.uk

Please note that for Lordship Farm and Mary Exton these courses are separate from Wraparound Care

multi-sports@risingstars-online.co.uk 01462 790152

Reminders...

Vomiting and Diarrhoea

A reminder that children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick/had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).



Headlice

Unfortunately, your child may come into contact with headlice. For further information on what this might look like and what to do about it [please click here](#).

Please Look After Our Neighbours

With 422 children now in the school, we realise that picking up and dropping off are going to be very busy times outside the school. But please make sure that you are parking sensibly and responsibly and being courteous to our neighbours.

Taking Care Around Railways

We wanted to share the following links to two assembly videos focussed on railway safety with you all. With the school being in close proximity to a railway track and station, we are aware that some of our children are of an age where they might be independently exploring their local community and we want everyone to be as safe as possible. You can access the KS1 video by [clicking here](#) and the KS2 video by [clicking here](#).



Crossing Wymondley Road

As you are all aware, Lollipop Kate has now retired and the role is currently being advertised. In the meantime, please continue to remind your children to take extra care and be extra cautious when using the crossing on Wymondley Road.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL AT

William Ransom Primary School



THE PAY IS £11.59 PER HOUR (excluding enhancements)

JOB SHARES ARE AVAILABLE

FULL TRAINING AND SUPPORT ARE PROVIDED BY THE TEAM

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE ACTIVE AND SAFER TRAVEL TEAM ON

01992 556816/01992 556803
OR EMAIL: scp.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Can we please remind you that it is parental responsibility to get your child to and from school safely

Hertfordshire County Council, Active and Safer Travel Team,
County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DN.
Tel: 01992 556816 January 2024

"It provides me with extra income"

"It's given me the confidence to get back to work"

"It makes me smile"



"Term time only is perfect as it fits around child care"

"It puts me in a good routine"

"I feel part of the community"





WILLIAM RANSOM WRAP-AROUND CLUB

BREAKFAST CLUB

From 7:30am - £6.00
Breakfast served until 8.15 only

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

Until 5:00 pm - £9.50 per session
Until 5:30 pm - £11.00 per session
Until 6:00 pm - £13.00 per session

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FUN FRIDAY
Trampolining	Summer Sports	Dodgeball	Inflatables	Friday Fun Day



At our after school club, children will start the session with the activity listed above or by having time in our chill and care area where they will have access to a variety of play activities. (Activities may be subject to change). After tea, there will be further opportunities for indoor or outdoor games and play activities or quiet time if they prefer.

To register please go to

risingstars.magicbooking.co.uk

If you need to contact us please email williamransom@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk 07919 330254 or for admin queries: info@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk 01462 790152

On registering your child for a place on our course Rising Stars will collect certain information about you/your child which will include your names, email address, telephone number, child's date of birth, gender and school. We will not share this information with any third party for marketing purposes.

Allergy Awareness To Protect Every Child

We need everyone to do all they can to protect every child in the school. Some of our children have known allergies, others are being diagnosed and there will be some who have allergies that have yet to come to light.

Children bringing snacks in for breaktimes should only be bringing in fruit. Please ensure that your child is not bringing in nut based snacks.

Please also note we are unable to have in school, or hand out, birthday sweets/cakes. This is for everyone's safety. Thank you for your support.

School Uniform

Please can all parents please ensure that children are attending school wearing the correct school uniform. If there are difficulties in doing that, please approach a member of the School Office or a member of the leadership team and we will happily discuss this further with you.

